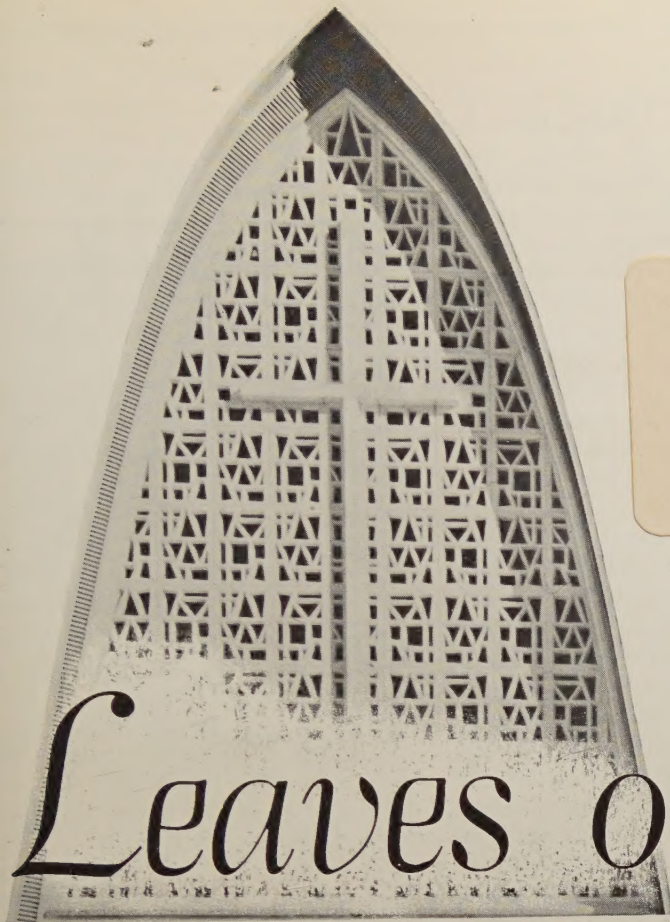




JAN 24 1973

Non-Profit Org.  
U. S. Postage  
PAID  
Zion, Illinois  
Permit No. 40

Theological Union Library  
Reference Dept. Graduate  
2451 Ridge Road.  
Berkeley, California 94709



# Leaves of Healing

January-March 1973

A JOURNAL OF PROTESTANT FAITH AND LIFE

VOL. CIX No. 1

WATCHWORD FOR 1973

*“PRAISE HIM!”*

LET ALL THOSE THAT SEEK THEE REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN THEE;

LET SUCH AS LOVE THY SALVATION SAY CONTINUALLY,

THE LORD BE MAGNIFIED.

PSALM 40:16



# Growth Through Grace

Carl Q. Lee

We are well acquainted with the physical aspects of birth. We know that a child is born and that it is helpless, needs attention, needs discipline, discipline in terms of its training — the way it is fed, the way it is kept clean. With loving tender care it grows physically and develops from a baby in the cradle to a child walking upon its feet. It continues in growth into childhood, young manhood, young womanhood and finally into adulthood. This growth is accomplished through definite processing, definite discipline. There is an applicable illustration here for one who is born spiritually. We speak of the *New Birth*, it's an expression that comes out of Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus, *Ye must be born again*. Nicodemus didn't quite understand what He was talking about and sometimes there is an uncomfortable feeling in my mind and heart that many evangelists, who so glibly use those words, don't know too well what they are talking about. But Jesus used the expression, and the change from the old man to the new man, the transformation that occurs certainly is a birth into a new kind of life, and it comes when the heart realizes that God for Christ's sake has forgiven our sin. God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son to die for us, to rise again from the dead for our justification. When this realization has burst upon our hearts then indeed we become new creatures in Christ Jesus, we are born again. *Babes in Christ* is an expression that is used, and consequently using this illustration we come to the realization that there must be something done, there are Christian disciplines that must be followed to cause and bring about growth, spiritual growth through the grace of God.

## Pray Without Ceasing

I have been using the word *disciplines* rather freely. What do I mean by disciplines? What do I mean by Christian disciplines that

work to the end that we grow through grace to become mature adult Christians? There are various pursuits that we can follow. God has ordained that we should pray, *men ought always to pray and not to faint. Pray without ceasing*. These are the injunctions that come to us out of Scripture. Prayer does not necessarily mean falling down upon our knees or lifting our eyes to heaven, or by whatever physical form we approach the Throne of Grace and Mercy. To petition God for something we need is part of prayer, but it is not all of prayer. Prayer is communicating with God. Prayer is talking to your heavenly Father. Prayer is acknowledging God as God. Prayer is talking to God and giving Him thanks for all the beauties of the world about us; acknowledging Him as the Giver of every good and perfect gift; bringing before Him our petitions for those about us who have desperate needs — spiritually, physically and otherwise. Finally, we humbly bow before God and pray *God be merciful to me, a sinner!* Prayer is communicating with God and this is one of the vital disciplines that we must exercise if we are to grow in grace.

## Read and Study the Word of God

Then there is the matter of reading and studying the Scriptures. God's Word has been brought to us miraculously through long and devious ways, and today for a few cents you can purchase the Scriptures. It has come to us through pain and suffering, through martyrdom. It has come to us through painstaking rewriting by quill and brush and pen down through the ages, until the printing press was invented and developed and today we can go into a bookstore and purchase a copy for a few cents. The Bible was given to us for a purpose. God knows that this old book has been abused and misused perhaps as no other piece of writing that man has produced or that God has given to man. But God has ordained that we should read it and

study it. God has ordained that we should search its pages for light and inspiration, guidance and help, and we should approach the Bible with discipline. *Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee*. God has ordained that men should read, study and come to the profoundest understanding they can of what the written word says. This is another discipline of the Christian life, becoming familiar with the Holy Scriptures. Certainly today we have the Scriptures presented to us in a variety of forms. We have the Authorized Version, the King James Bible from which we read so frequently and with which we are familiar. Then we have a list of translations, revisions and paraphrases almost ad infinitum. And as you read them comparatively, the propositional truth of God's Word begins to take hold and root in your heart and mind. This is another discipline of growth that we must follow if we are going to grow through grace.

## "Think On These Things"

Meditation — how many of us take any time to sit down and think? When did you last sit down for the purpose of mulling through a problem, thinking about life, meditating upon what are the purposes of existence, why am I here, who am I? what am I doing in this old world? what is my relationship with my fellowmen? what is my relationship to God? How many of you have sat down and purposefully meditated? Turn with me to Philippians chapter 4, verse 8: *Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things*. Take time to meditate. Take time to order your mind before God. Think in terms of your praying, reading and study of the Scriptures. By these means you will grow through the grace of God.



## Service to God and our Fellowmen

There is another element of Christian discipline we should consider and that is the matter of service. What does the Christian do to us essentially? Altogether too frequently we think in terms of the joy and peace that comes to us. Too often we think in terms of the benefits that come from accepting Christ as Savior. But if we are going to come to the best and fullest realization of what it means to be a Christian we must have a concern in our hearts no longer for self but for others, because when we come to an understanding and realization of what Christ has done for us there is no longer concern for self. God for Christ's sake has forgiven our sins. God has caught us up unto Himself and we have become a part of Him through Jesus Christ, and our personal concern vanishes as the realization of that truth lodges in our hearts. But there will be a concern for our neighbor and that concern should be for our neighbor. Who is our neighbor? The story of the Good Samaritan illustrates it. If you are going to walk in grace there must be a response to that concern and that response is service. Service is a big word, it includes a great many things. It includes your service in the House of God. It includes your service in the church in which you have fellowship. Service takes on a concern for your neighbor. It includes your total contact with the human race and how you can through every means that comes to our hands bring the Gospel of God's saving grace to all men everywhere. We have all been given gifts and talents and these are indeed the gifts of God. How then should we use them? We should use them primarily in His service and His service calls upon us to live in continuing concern for our neighbors. These are the processes, the disciplines by which we grow through grace and there are results that accrue.

## The Fruit of the Spirit

An orchard is planted, we watch it grow year by year; the trees mature, blossom and bear fruit. So we can judge ourselves in terms of maturity and fruitbearing. What are the fruits of the Holy Spirit as we walk through grace and mature in

the Christian faith? You know them just as well as I — love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. These are the evidences of Christian growth. Love, a misused word but how vital, how important it is. Love that reaches out in the unselfish concern toward neighbor. *By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. Be kindly affectioned one to another. Love your enemies.* That is the kind of fruit we should see in our lives as we grow through grace. Joy, the joy of knowing that God is Sovereign; that this creation is His and despite all of the wickedness of men and the confusion and the violence that reigns in the world today God is still Sovereign. He is the Ruler of the heavens and the earth and all that in them is. Ah, yes, Satan has his domain but thanks be to God, He is Almighty, He is Sovereign. Satan is mighty and he is terrible, but when Jesus died upon the cross and rose again from the dead Satan and all his forces and all the works of evil were defeated. Even in this troubled and violent time we can know that God is Sovereign, and in that we can rejoice with joy that fills our hearts and lifts our footsteps out of the mire.

## Peace

The word peace appears many times in Scripture. Men will say *Peace! Peace and safety!* and there is no peace, nor is there any safety, but the peace of God that passeth all understanding is the peace that I am talking about. That peace comes to us from the realization that *all things work together for good to them that love God, to them that are called according to His purpose.* Did you ever let that passage of Scripture take root in your heart? You are confronted with tragedy. You are confronted with pain and suffering. You are confronted with evil. You are confronted with things going completely awry and you begin to worry. Let that Scripture take hold and rule your life. Did you ever stop to think how Paul could say, *In everything give thanks!* Out of this and in this there comes that peace of God that passeth all understanding. It is far greater, far profounder than mere peace of mind — *the peace of God that passeth all understanding.*

Longsuffering. God help us! this is a time of impatience. How many of us put up with the foibles of our neighbors? How many of us are patient with our loved ones? How many of us are patient with the erratic driver of the car, either behind us or before us on the super highway? How many of us have mumbled under our breath "the blasted idiot! how did he get a license to drive?" Longsuffering is one of the fruits of growth through grace.

## Gentleness

We think of gentleness. This is not an age of gentleness. This is an age of violence. This is an age of sudden and violent action where men wield death and wield it with harshness and speed. Gentleness. How many of us have heard the words, "the gentle Jesus?" He could take the whip of small cords and drive the thieves and hypocrites out of the temple, but He could also pick the babe up in His arms and bless. The gentle Jesus gives us the gentleness that comes to us through His presence in our hearts.

## Faith

Faith — how many of us truly walk by faith? I have talked to people who said, "I cannot accept God by faith. I cannot accept someone I haven't seen." I had this said to me one time and it happened to be when I was in seminary. Overseer Taylor and I were eating at a restaurant that could be described very aptly by the old expression "the greasy spoon." We ate there regularly and Jabez and I demonstrated our faith as did this man who said, "I can't accept God because I've never seen Him." We ate there and never once did we have the effrontery to go out and look in the kitchen. We didn't look to see how our food was prepared, we accepted it. God help us! our faith might have been desperately shaken had we gone and looked in the kitchen. But how is it that a man can accept a plate of questionable food by faith but he refuses to accept God by faith? This is something that has baffled me. When we look at this creation of ours: the flowers of the field, the birds flying in the air, the wash of the sea against the shore (and you can hear the voice of God in every sound of nature). He is all around us visible.



This is His creation and by the grace and help of God we can look each other in the face and say, "Made in His image." Faith — yes! God is! Let us believe!

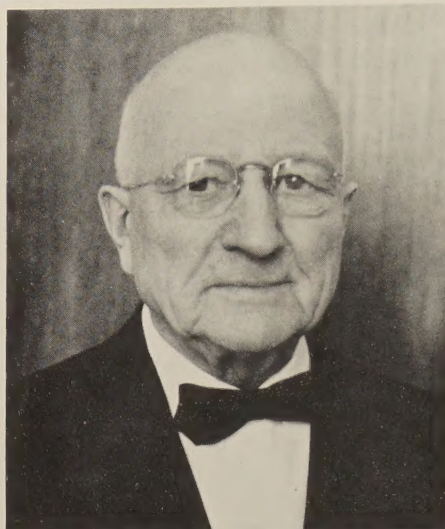
Meekness, temperance, these all come to us as fruits of the Holy Spirit — fruits of maturation in the Christian faith, fruits of our growth. We can adjudge ourselves and this we should — Not our neighbor. Look into your own heart. Have I grown through grace? Am I following the disciplines of the Christian life? Do I pray? Do I meditate? Do I read God's Word? Do I commit my life and service? Answer those questions honestly with yourself, and then pass judgement upon the evidences — love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, meekness, faith, temperance. Then come to your ultimate judgement of yourself, not your neighbor.

#### Self-Examination, Self-Judgement and God's Forgiveness

As you honestly examine your heart you will suddenly be brought to your knees and you will cry "God! the fruit I find within my heart is withered and worm-eaten. I find no health within myself. God be merciful to me, a sinner!" How does growth through grace come to you? How does it affect your life? You through prayer and through the judging of yourself draw close to God and He is right there with you. The light begins to shine and you look at your hands and see the dirt. You look at your heart and see its shortcomings. You look at your life and realize how far short you have fallen. Thanks be to God along with the realization of our shortcomings and inadequacies as Christians, there comes the astounding truth that God has accepted us just as we are — sinners full of shortcomings and faults. The fruit we bear being withered and worm-eaten, we still hear Him say, "You are My own, I love you and I forgive you." So as we grow in grace we will also become aware of the scope, the breadth, the depth and height of God's love and forgiveness. We will come to realize that where sin abounds there does grace much more abound. The Christian walks in humility because as he grows through grace he becomes aware of his sins and short-

## Overseer Ernest E. Harwood

JUNE 8, 1877 — DECEMBER 13, 1972



Overseer Ernest E. Harwood  
1877 - 1972

Overseer Ernest E. Harwood was born in Chicago, Illinois, June 8, 1877. His first contact with Zion teaching was in December 1894 when he attended his first Divine Healing Meeting, held in Dr. Dowie's private home on Edgerton Avenue, Chicago, which was called Zion Home No. 1. He continued to attend the meetings, and in his own words:

comings. But let us walk with feet that are winged with Divine joy because we know that God for Christ's sake has forgiven us. We know that God loved the whole world enough to come Himself in the Person of His Son to die for us and to rise again from the dead, Conqueror over death.

Yes, the Christian is humble. He walks with joy. He conducts his life in the light of Christian disciplines and finds within his heart the evidences of the fruit of the spirit (imperfect) but nonetheless his eyes are lifted above this life to the life over there. When that day will come God alone knows but when it does, though we see Him imperfectly (we are imperfect) the day will come when we will see Him and we will be like Him. God haste the day and God bless us in the meantime that we may walk disciplined Christian lives yielding the peaceable fruit of the Spirit!

It was a cold winter's day in December 1894, but I put on my overcoat and walked the two blocks to Zion Home No. 1. Dr. Dowie conducted the meeting and preached for two hours on *God's Way of Healing*. At the close of the meeting he prayed for me. God healed me in the Name of His Son the Lord Jesus, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I received the deliverance.

Overseer Harwood had received an injury to his spine at the age of ten years, and this had necessitated the wearing of a plaster of Paris cast.

On February 22, 1896 the Christian Catholic Church was organized. At that time Overseer Harwood received the Right Hand of Fellowship from Dr. Dowie and became a Charter Member. So far as is known Overseer Harwood was the only surviving Charter Member of this Church.

In 1902 he was baptized by Dr. Dowie and ordained a Deacon. In 1909 Wilbur Glenn Voliva, who became General Overseer of the Church at the death of Dr. Dowie, sent Overseer Harwood and his family to Cincinnati, Ohio, to take charge of the Zion branch there. They returned to Zion in 1911. He was ordained an Elder in 1911 and Overseer in 1918.

For over 60 years Overseer Harwood was a faithful and tireless officer and minister in the Christian Catholic Church. The healing he received during Dr. Dowie's ministry had such a tremendous impact upon his life that he never tired of telling people *God's Way of Healing*. His experience was an encouragement and blessing to many, especially during times of sickness. His testimony as he expressed it, "It is the desire of my life to be faithful to the end." Two of his favorite Scriptures were:

Be thou faithful unto death,  
and I will give thee a crown of life.  
(Revelation 2:10)

(Continued on page 7)



# The Upward Look

Roger W. Ottersen

We have been admonished to lift up our eyes." This is something we need to do. We need to do at different times and for different reasons, but it's something we all need to do. I would like us to lift our spiritual eyes to give some attention to several things which, in essence, will only remind us of things we have already been taught concerning our Christian faith. First of all let us *lift up our eyes to the Cross*.

## The Cross

In John 12:32 Jesus says, *And I, when I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me. This He said, signifying what death He should die.* Do you hear His voice saying, *If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto Me*? The songwriter expressed it this way:

Lifted up was He to die,  
"It is finished," was His cry;  
Now in heaven exalted high;  
Hallelujah what a Savior!

Think all of us need to lift up our eyes and see the Cross. Not the beautiful cross on the communion table, not even the beautiful cross in the stained glass window, but beyond these crosses let us lift our eyes to see the Cross of Calvary and what it represents for us.

The cross throughout history was a symbol of disgrace, shame and reproach. Because of Jesus Christ and His death upon a cross it has become a symbol of hope, of love and of our faith. As I said before let us look at the Cross for different reasons. Those who by faith have looked Jesus Christ to come into their hearts and lives will look back with gratitude. Those who have not yet come to this personal experience with the Lord Jesus need to look to the Cross for Salvation, because the Bible says, *For the teaching of the Cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us who are saved it is the power of God.*

The Lord Jesus said in John chapter 3, *As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up.*

He knew the death He was going to die. He knew that His death would not be by stoning, as later Stephen, the first martyr, died. He knew His death would be by crucifixion because He knew what was in the heart of man. For this reason He said, *Even so must the Son of man be lifted up.* If Jesus Christ is your Lord and Savior, lift up your eyes in praise and thanksgiving for His willing death for you. As our eyes of faith are lifted up to the Cross we see God's best and man's worst, God's love and man's hate. On the Cross we see God's grace and man's greed. We see God's forgiveness and man's bitterness. We see God's way and we see man's way.

## The Word

The Christian life goes beyond this. Salvation is the beginning of this relationship between us and the Lord. We now need to *lift up our eyes to the Word*. As lifting our eyes to the Cross brings Salvation and forgiveness, lifting our eyes to the Word is the process which will bring about our sanctification. In Salvation God is rescuing us from sin. In sanctification God is refining us and molding us into what we ought to be as His workmanship in Christ Jesus unto good works. Where would we find out about Jesus if it were not for the Word? Where would we learn of His example if it were not for the Word? Thank God for the Bible, the inspired Word of God! It reveals to us His love, His grace and His mercy. The Bible says, *Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.* The writer of Hebrews said, *Looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith.* As we look to the Word for our sanctification and our experience of growth we see Jesus Christ, the *Living Word*. *The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.* Peter writes in his epistle that we ought to desire the sincere (unadulterated) milk of the Word of God. Jesus said, *Sanctify them through Thy Truth; Thy Word is Truth.*

In our Declaration of Faith we say: *The Holy Spirit always testifies*

*to us of Christ; therefore, we are bound to the Bible which gives us the Divinely inspired witness of prophet and apostle to Him. Apart from the Bible we would not know Him. For us the Bible is the norm (standard) of faith and life.* Also in our Basis of Fellowship throughout the years, the first point has been: *That we recognize the infallible inspiration and sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures as the rule of faith and practice.* We need to lift our eyes to the Cross and there see Jesus in all of His glory, and in all His shame, *He Who knew no sin was made sin for us.* We need to look to the Word whereby we find strength and grace to grow. In Salvation we have a new relationship. In sanctification this relationship is developed and it becomes more precious and more real every day.

## The Fields Ripe Unto Harvest

There is something else to which we need to lift our eyes. We need to *lift our eyes to the fields*. As looking to the Cross brings Salvation, and lifting our eyes to the Word brings sanctification, so lifting our eyes to the fields brings us the challenge for service. In John chapter 4, Jesus was saying, "There are yet so many months and then a harvest, but I say unto you the fields are already white unto harvest." My friends, missions is not a part of the church program, but rather the church program *is missions!* Our main function as individual Christians and as a corporate body of believers is to propagate The Faith, to reproduce others who through faith in Christ will become Christians as we have. The Great Commission to *Make disciples of all nations* — that is evangelism — *teaching them to observe all things* — that is education . . . and lo, *I am with you always* — that is encouragement. As we meet together to worship, Jesus Christ is here and He would say to us, *Lift up your eyes to the fields.*

Let us consider the field in our own homeland. It has been estimated, through polls, that there are



more than 68,000 Protestant Churches in our country without pastors. We have been told by national church leaders that from 3,500 to 4,500 Protestant ministers are leaving the ministry every year for secular work. In the responsibility of ministry that God has given to me, for this time, in Christian replacement work, I can report to you that for every qualified, trained and dedicated church worker that is placed today in a Christian responsibility, there are scores of positions still unfilled. The field at home is ripe, ready to harvest but we lack willing laborers. If you think that is something, let me share a few statistics concerning the total world need:

There are approximately 320,000 births every 24 hours. There are approximately 160,000 deaths every 24 hours.

This gives an annual world increase of about 62 million.

Only about 2 million people are reached with the Gospel each year... meaning only about 1 in 30 of the year's increase.

There are about 43,000 Protestant missionaries who occupy only about 130 fields in the world.

There are approximately 3 million cities in the world without one resident gospel witness. More than half of the people in the world have never heard even once the plan of Salvation, much less having any Bible teaching.

The Bible still waits to be translated into more than 1,500 languages and dialects. At the present rate, this would take 150 more years alone.

*In Latin America*, including Mexico, West Indies, Central and South America with a population of approximately 230,000,000 there is one Christian worker to 27,000 persons.

*In the Far East*, including S.E. Asia, South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Philippines and Indonesia with a population of approximately 380,000,000 there is one Christian worker to 52,000 persons.

*In India*, including Pakistan,

Ceylon and adjacent islands with a population of approximately 596,000,000 there is 1 Christian worker to 104,000 persons.

*In Britain, France, etc.*, with a population of approximately 320,000,000 only two percent of that total ever go to church, much less hear the Gospel where they are going.

*In China*, if the people were to march past a given point four abreast the line would never cease. There are so many people that when the present population was finally past the point there would have been born a whole new generation to pass the point again. And so it goes on.

#### **The Need for Missions and Mission Concern**

My friends, we need to lift up our eyes. We need to lift up our eyes to the Cross and see what it means that Christ died for the world. We need to lift up our eyes to the Word of God where we find Him and where we learn of Him. We need to lift our eyes to the field both at home and around the world. We are aware that there is a small number of people in most churches who are excited about missions, who pray daily and give and are really involved. Likewise, there is often a small number in most churches who are antagonistic towards missions. The vast majority in every church fall somewhere in-between, in a state of indifference. I recognize that there are various shades of indifference, but examining our hearts before God we must admit that we too are basically indifferent to the needs of the world. I read that in 1971 Americans spent 210 million dollars for dog food and care, while all Protestant missions together only spent about 190 million dollars. We need to ask God for genuine concern for the fields of the world.

What about world missionary work? Is it still necessary? Young people especially need to be reminded that there are many kinds of missionaries. Not all are those engaged in pioneer work cutting their way through jungles (this work does still take place). Many are general practitioners, teaching and preaching; there are those in the educational field; there are

those in technical fields such as radio broadcasting — beaming the message of the Gospel around the world, even through the Iron Curtain. There is missionary aviation, providing transport to remote areas; literature translation; business opportunities where general missionaries cannot go. We need to examine our hearts and be willing to say, "Lord, I am willing to go wherever you send me!" First we need to *give ourselves* to Christ. He isn't so much interested in our abilities and our talents as He is in *us*. If we commit *ourselves* to Him then He will use our talents and our abilities. Are we available for Him to use?

Yes, we need to lift up our eyes to the Cross for Salvation; to the Word of God for our sanctification and growth; to the fields both at home and around the world. *We also need to lift up our eyes to the skies*. Has not your heart been blessed as we have been reminded of that promise... *unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation*. Jesus said, *When you begin to see these things come to pass look up for your redemption draweth nigh*. Those who know the joy of Salvation should also know the hope of the Lord's coming. Jesus is Coming Again!

#### **The Inheritance of the Saints**

We also need to *lift up our eyes to the reward*. In I Peter 1:3 we read: *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again into a lively (living) hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you*. My friends, there is a bright day coming. Not only is Jesus coming again, but have you thought about what the Bible says in Revelation 21 and 22 about our reward — our inheritance?

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.



And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. (Revelation 21:1-4)

And He shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and His servants shall serve Him:

And they shall see His face; and His name shall be in their foreheads.

And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever. (Revelation 22:1-5)

We need to lift our eyes to the cross. We need to lift our eyes to the Word. We need to lift up our eyes to the fields. We need to

remind ourselves about the reward awaiting us. Heaven is being in the presence of Jesus Christ. Hell is separation from Him. We who know Jesus Christ ought to rejoice that one day we shall see Him face-to-face. Lift up your eyes to the Cross where we see His Salvation; to the Word from which we grow in sanctification; to the fields where we are challenged to serve Him; to the skies where we will see Him and meet Him in His coming; to the reward of being with Him throughout eternity.

A Christian friend in Racine, Wisconsin by the name of Alice Mortenson has published many poems. Listen to what she says in this one:

#### What Can I Give?

Are we dreaming today  
Of the beautiful time  
We'll serve in some  
far distant land?

But deaf to the needs  
Of the place we are in  
and blind to the  
duties at hand?

Unwilling to teach  
A Sunday School class,  
Or to sing for Him  
in the choir,

Or to work in the nursery,  
Where nobody sees,  
Or— wherever our Lord  
might require?

Are we satisfied now  
Just to sit and take in  
And never give out  
if it means

We must sacrifice something  
Of pleasure or time,  
Or changing our  
regular routines?

Not, "What can I get?"

But, "What can I give?"  
Are the heart-searching  
words we must ask,  
Yielding our all  
To His infinite call —  
Then joy will be  
crowning our task!

I like that! Lift up your eyes to the Cross my friends, and if you have not had a personal experience whereby you have asked Jesus Christ to become your Lord, do so today. Lift up your eyes to the Word and begin to seriously look into the Bible and study it, that you might be a workman *Rightly dividing the Word of Truth*. Look to the fields. Ask God what He would want you to do here in our community and in our church. And our younger members, ask God where He wants you to serve. Look up to the sky! One of these days Jesus, the King is Coming! Are you ready? Are you watching today? Are you serving? Remember the Lord tells us, *Be not weary in welldoing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not*. We are also told, *Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know your labor is not in vain in the Lord*.

Yes, we have been admonished to *Lift up our eyes*. I trust our eyes are lifted up and that we have gotten away from looking just to that which is around us — that you are beginning to see a broader vision of what God has for you. Let us in a prayer of commitment ask Him to lift up our eyes in the way that He wants and then let us do something about what He shows us. As we are lifted in faith, let us share with others that they too may see our Lord in all of His glory!

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.  
(Hebrews 13:8)

In addition to his ministerial duties Overseer Harwood worked for the first Zion Bank in Chicago in 1899. When the City of Zion was founded in 1900 and the bank was moved to Zion in 1902 he continued in the bank until 1907.

He also held many positions in the City of Zion government: Justice of the Peace for many

years; President of the School Board, and Mayor of the city for ten years from 1925 to 1935. He was Assistant General Secretary of the Christian Catholic Church in 1911 under the late Overseer E. L. Carey, and at his death became General Secretary, which position he held until his retirement ten years ago.

In March 1903 he married Amalia Emma Schattschneider and God blessed them with three sons and three daughters. Over-

seer Harwood is survived by one son, James Harwood and one daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Leech, ten grandchildren and twenty-four great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from the Sanctuary of the Christian Catholic Church on Monday, December 18 at 2:00 p.m. The service was conducted by General Overseer Carl Q. Lee and Elder Michael Ch. Khayat. Ministers present at headquarters served as pallbearers.



# THE CHRISTIAN YEAR 1973

Michael Ch. Khayat

The Christian year commemorates the New Testament events of salvation and brings before our minds continually the facts of our redemption.



**Elder Ray Congdon**  
1889 - 1972

Elder Ray Congdon, a faithful steward for God in the Christian Catholic Church, went to be with his Lord on November 21, 1972 after a brief illness, following an accident at the Northwestern Depot in Chicago, where he fell and broke his leg.

Elder Congdon was born in Chicago, August 11, 1889. His family associated with Dr. Dowie and the Christian Catholic Church as Charter Members. He was baptized by Dr. Dowie at Central Zion Tabernacle, Chicago and when the City of Zion became a reality, the Congdon family were among the pioneers. Mrs. Congdon operated a boarding house on Elizabeth Avenue for some time.

It was during these years that young Ray became a salesman, selling coffee and other merchandise to the neighborhood. Later he became a salesman for the Zion Baking Industry, and Durkin and Durkin of Waukegan.

He married Miss Bessie Conner, also an early member of the Church. To this union were born three sons and two daughters: Everett, Donald and Bertram; Margaret (Spanton) and Wiladene (Koetz).

Always having an interest in the spiritual life, he accepted a call to the ministry, and was ordained an Elder on September 26, 1954 by Overseer M. J.

**January 1, 1973 — (Monday)**  
*New Year's Day.*

The Church commemorates the circumcision of our Lord Jesus Christ eight days after His birth.

**January 6, 1973 — (Saturday)**

*Epiphany*, which means manifestation (sometimes called Twelfth Night). The Church commemorates the arrival of the wise men to worship Christ (symbolizing the Gentiles who accept Christ as their Redeemer).

The Sundays that immediately follow belong to the Epiphany season and in them the manifestation of the Gospel is emphasized.

**March 7, 1973 — (Wednesday)**

*Ash Wednesday.* Lent begins (40 days, excluding Sundays).

The Church remembers the sufferings of Christ for our sins. Lent is a time of preparation, meditation and repentance. (40 days is the length of time of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness).

**April 8, 1973**

*Passion Sunday.* Passion Sunday reminds the Church of the death of her Lord foretold by the Prophets and by Jesus Christ Himself.

**April 15, 1973**

*Palm Sunday.* Commemoration of our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem as King.

**April 15 — April 21, 1973**

*Holy Week.*

**April 19, 1973 — (Thursday)**

*Maundy Thursday.* At the close of this day Jesus Christ ate the Last Supper with His disciples, instituting the Holy Communion. We are also reminded of the agony of our Savior in the Garden of Gethsemane.

**April 20, 1973**

*Good Friday.* The Church on this day remembers scenes of the Crucifixion.

**April 22, 1973**

*Easter Sunday.* The Church commemorates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The second main Christian festal day. *The Festival of the Son.*

**May 13, 1973 — (Sunday)**

*Mother's Day.*

**May 28, 1973 — (Monday)**

*Memorial Day.*

**May 31, 1973 — (Thursday)**

*Ascension Day* (always falls on a Thursday). The fortieth day after Easter. The risen Christ returns to the Father.

**June 10, 1973 — (Sunday)**

*Pentecost.* Fiftieth day after Easter. The coming of the Holy Spirit to the redeemed body of

Christ, the One Universal Church. The third main festal day. *The Festival of the Holy Spirit.*

**June 17, 1973 — (Sunday)**

*Trinity Sunday.* Immediately after the birth of the Church and the descent of the Holy Spirit, the Church can now perform her sacraments in the name of the Holy Trinity, "Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

**June 17, 1973 — (Sunday)**

*Father's Day.*

**July 4, 1973 — (Wednesday)**

*Independence Day.*

**August 26, 1973 — (Sunday)**

*Festival of Christ the King.*

"And there was given Him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages should serve Him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His Kingdom that which should not be destroyed" (Daniel 7:14).

**September 3, 1973 — (Monday)**

*Labor Day.*

**September 26, 1973 — (Wednesday)**

*First day of the Seventy-third Annual Convocation, Christian Catholic Church, Zion, Illinois.*

**October 7, 1973 — (Sunday)**

*Last Day of the Convocation.*

**October 28, 1973 —**

*Reformation Sunday.*

Protestants remember the beginning of the Reformation, October 31, 1517, and the restoration of the Gospel and spiritual freedom.

**November 22, 1973 — (Thursday)**

*Thanksgiving Day.*

**December 2, 1973 —**

*First Sunday in Advent.*

Cycle repeats for another Christian year.

**December 2, 1973**

*First Sunday in Advent* (the beginning of the Christian year).

There are three more Sundays in Advent (December 9, 16, 23).

The days of Advent remind us both of Christ's being born anew in our hearts (as we look for the anniversary of His birth) and of His coming again.

The Church commemorates the first Advent of Christ for Grace and Redemption.

The Church anticipates the Second Advent for Glory.

**December 24, 1973 to January 6, 1974**

*Christmastide.*

*And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us* (John 1:14).

**December 24, 1973 — (Monday)**

*Christmas Eve.* Preparation for the commemoration of the birth of our Lord.

**December 25, 1973 — (Tuesday)**

*Christmas Day.* One of the three main Christian Festal Days.

*The Festival of the Father Who gave His only Son.*

**December 31, 1973 — (Monday)**

*Watchnight* for the New Year. God is the Lord of time and of history.

Mintern. He attended Moody Bible Institute and became active as a parish minister.

Funeral Services were held from the Sanctuary on November 24 at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Lee and Rev. Taylor officiating. A Memorial Fund has been established at the Church.